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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR ADMIRAL SOUERS

SUBJECT: Intelligence from Foreign Language Press in the United States.

1. There are more than 1,000 foreign language newspapers and magazines in the United States. They serve a large minority of the population, since according to the 1940 census there were then 11,500,000 persons of foreign birth and some 23,000,000 of foreign parentage in this country, and 22,000,000 persons reported some language other than English as their mother tongue.

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Alfred McCormack  
Special Assistant  
to the Secretary

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cc: General Vandenberg  
Admiral Inglis  
General McDonald

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Alfred M<sup>c</sup> Cormack  
by: J. M. F. Finan  
(Signature)

21 March 1946  
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1. CIG  proposes that a survey be made of the coverage for intelligence purposes of the Foreign Language Press in the United States. The field of the Foreign Ideological Press in the U.S., written in English, is closely allied with the subject of the Foreign Language Press. It is suggested that, if the Director of Central Intelligence considers it desirable, the scope of the survey be expanded to include those publications which support political ideology plainly sponsored by foreign sources and written in English.
2. Because of the close relationship between Foreign Language and Foreign Ideological Press, it is believed that this suggested expansion of scope can be obtained by informal action of the Director of Central Intelligence without formal amendment of the directive.

*John W. B. King*

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## CENTRAL PLANNING STAFF

**ROUTING SLIP**

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date 19 March 1946

Enclosure: Draft Survey of Foreign Language Press

Remarks: Mr. Lay's suggested change is not concurred in. The Planning Staff feels that a survey along the lines of the original paragraph 2 would be better. However, if Adm. Souers personally wishes to delete the Western Hemisphere element, the Planning Staff believes that should be the decision.

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ADMIRAL SOUERS:

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REMARKS: For discussion at Tuesday [REDACTED] with CIG  
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 confining this survey to coverage of U. S., but adding  
 a new paragraph - "2.g. The value of such coverage in  
 relation to the coverage of the press in foreign  
 countries, particularly in the Western Hemisphere."  
 25X1A C [REDACTED] representing CPS, dissents.

JAMES S. LAY, JR.  
 Secretary, N.I.A.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY BOARD:

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1. It is requested that the individual members of the Intelligence Advisory Board return the attached memorandum to the Secretary by 1630, Friday, 22 March 1946, after making appropriate entry in the space provided.

JAMES S. LAY, JR.  
Secretary, N.I.A.

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**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP**  
**WASHINGTON, D. C.**

15 March 1946



MEMORANDUM FOR: Admiral Souers  
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3. Action recommended:

That the memorandum be approved and dispatched to the Advisory Board.

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 Captain, USN  
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TO: Mr. Alfred McCormack  
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5. Each member of the Advisory Board will designate a representative to arrange details with the Information Branch, Central Planning Staff, and ~~will~~ furnish the C.I.G. a list of personnel authorized to give information for purposes of the survey. The designation of appropriate contact personnel in other federal agencies will be arranged for as necessary.

6. The Central Planning Staff will submit its findings, conclusions and recommendations to the Director of Central Intelligence. He will then submit appropriate recommendations to the National Intelligence Authority, after concurrence or comment by the Intelligence Advisory Board.

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